

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 25, 2016

The North Providence School Committee met on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mrs. Picard, Mr. Andreozzi, Mr. DaSilva, Mr. Palmieri, Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Cataldi. Also present were Superintendent Smith, Mr. Jones and Mr. Henneous. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-(4) & (5) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to go into open session at 6:30 p.m. The open session reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION+ MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).

The Chair reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Supt. Smith read a card she received this week from a parent commending Mrs. DaSilva and the teacher chaperones from Ricci Middle School on the Washington D.C. trip. The parent appreciated the hard work and dedication by the wonderful teachers who were on this trip. Motion by Mrs. Picard and seconded by Mr. Andreozzi to place this card on file.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 6-13.

No Public Comments were received.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Superintendent's Communication.

a. 2016 Teacher of the Year.

The 2016 Teacher of the Year recipients were Katharine Bowers, Birchwood Middle, Jennifer Norato, Centredale Elementary, Jennifer Carrier, Greystone Elementary, Nathan Dell, Marieville Elementary, Melissa Centracchio, McGuire Elementary, Alison Kelly, North Providence High, Tarra Bilyj, Ricci Middle, Louise Bello, Stephen Olney Elementary and Cristina Grasso, Whelan Elementary Schools. Each recipient was announced and presented with a certificate and the recipient of the 2016 Teacher of the Year Award for the District was Melissa Centracchio from McGuire Elementary School. She was presented with a plaque and flowers. Superintendent Smith congratulated all the recipients this year for their dedication and hard work.

b. 2016 Rhode Island History Day Winners.

Chairman Marciano read the names of the five seniors who came in first place for documentary creation and three sophomores who came in third place for website design for RI History Day. Each student was given a certificate and Mr. Marciano offered congratulations on behalf

of the School Committee.

c. Unified Basketball 2016 State Champs.

Coaches and each member of the Unified Basketball team were congratulated and presented with certificates. Chairman Marciano offered congratulations and best wishes to all on behalf of the School Department.

The Chair took a short break to allow the students and anyone who wished to leave time to do so.

d. Ricci Middle School Presentation.

Superintendent Smith welcomed and introduced Assistant Principal Thomas Mellen to present this evening on Ricci Middle School. Mr. Mellen gave a brief introduction about himself and congratulated Ms. Tarra Bilyj who was Teacher of the Year for Ricci Middle School. He thanked all the teachers and support staff for attending the meeting tonight to support him. The teachers at Ricci School put students first on a daily basis. Mr. Mellen went over highlights during the past school year and how students spend their day at Ricci School. He proceeded with a presentation using ThingLink, which was created by Lucille Delasanta, to highlight the activities and events taking place at Ricci Middle School.

Mr. Marciano thanked Mr. Mellen for a fine job presenting. Superintendent Smith addressed the School Committee and asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to appoint Mr. Thomas Mellen as Principal and Ms. Susan Bennett as Assistant Principal of Ricci Middle School, effective July 1, 2016.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by the entire Committee and carried by unanimous consent to approve the appointments. Mr. Palmieri added that we have a great team at Ricci Middle School and our students will flourish. There was applause for the new Appointees.

2. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

3. Home Schooling.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Home Schooling Request(s) as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta to approve the Home Schooling Request(s) as submitted. Mrs. Picard voted nay to the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

4. Field Trips.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Field Trip Request(s) as submitted. Supt. Smith advised that the Plimoth Plantation field trip for Greystone Elementary School scheduled for Friday, May 27 was rescheduled to Wednesday, May 25 due to bad weather in the forecast and was earlier approved by Mr. Marciano. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Field Trip Request(s) as submitted.

5. Removal of Textbooks from Inventory.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Removal of Textbooks from Inventory as Submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Removal of Textbooks from Inventory as submitted.

6. Bids.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Bids as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to

approve Grogan-Marciano Sporting Goods for athletic supplies.

7. Resignations.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the Resignations as submitted: Amanda Merluzzo, Special Education Teacher at North Providence High School, effective April 22, 2016; Gretchen Lopez, Librarian at Marieville/Whelan Schools, effective June 16, 2016; Andrew Laurie, Asst. Football Coach at North Providence High School, effective June 16, 2016; and Lucille Delasanta, Principal at Ricci Middle School, effective May 25, 2016. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Resignations as submitted.

8. Retirements.

Superintendent Smith read the name of the retiree and asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the Retirement as submitted: Pamela Degnan, Program Assistant at Greystone Elementary School, effective June 30, 2016. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Retirement as submitted. The Committee offered best wishes.

9. Leave of Absence(s).

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Leave of Absence Request(s) as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Leave of Absence Request(s) as submitted.

10. Layoff(s)/Non-Renewal(s)

Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Layoff(s) as submitted. The Non-Renewal(s) was tabled. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Layoff(s) as submitted. Most layoffs are subject to be called back.

11. Appointments.

The Appointments took place earlier in the meeting.

12. Layoff Rescission(s).

No Layoff Rescission(s) were received.

13. Displacements.

Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Displacement(s) as submitted. Motion by

Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Displacement(s) as submitted.

14. 2015-2016 St. Joseph Clinical Site Agreement.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the annual 2015-2016 St. Joseph Clinical Site Agreement as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the 2015-2016 St. Joseph Clinical Site Agreement as submitted.

15. Discussion/Action re: Academic Good Standing & Sports Participation.

The policy on academic good standing and sports participation needs to be reviewed by the Policy Sub-Committee. The Policy Sub-Committee will be meeting on June 13, 2016 and will report at the next School Committee meeting.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

There was no School Committee Report.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE.

There were no Requests to Address the Committee.

IX. USE OF PROPERTY.

There were no Use of Property Requests.

X. APPROVAL OF BILLS.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the List of Bills as presented.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to

approve and seal the Minutes of the April 27, 2016 Executive Session as submitted.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2016 School Committee Meeting as presented.

XII. PENDING BUSINESS

No pending business was received.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sharon Corsi, Recording Secretary
North Providence School Committee**

Date Submitted to the Committee: June 17, 2016

Date Approved by the Committee: June 22, 2016